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## AMERICORPS\*VISTA PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY FOR AGENCIES

*Charleston, S.C.* — The City of Charleston, Project Sponsor of the AmeriCorps\*VISTA program in Charleston County for 2015-16, is hosting two informational meetings to kick-off the project site application process. Attendance at one of the informational sessions is required to apply to become a VISTA project site. The applications will be distributed at the following sessions:

- 1. Wednesday, February 25, 3-5 p.m., North Charleston City Hall, Buist Room, 3rd floor (2500 City Hall Lane).
- 2. Thursday, February 26, 3:30 5 p.m., Charleston County Public Library (68 Calhoun Street).

The focus areas of AmeriCorps\*VISTA program in Charleston County are Education, Health, and Veterans/Military Families. Agencies and organizations serving the low-income community of the Charleston area are encouraged to apply to be a site and host a VISTA member for a one-year term to work on projects that fall within these focus areas.

Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. said, "AmeriCorps\*VISTA is an excellent resource for our community. I urge all non-profits, agencies, and organizations in Charleston County to attend a session to find out how they could benefit from having a VISTA member."

For questions regarding the sessions, organizations should contact Katie Tumbleston at 965-4190, or by email at tumblestonC@charleston-sc.gov.

AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program of the Corporation for National and Community Service designed specifically to fight poverty. VISTA supports efforts to alleviate poverty by encouraging individuals from all walks of life to engage in a year of full-time service with a sponsoring organization to create or expand programs designed to bring individuals and communities out of poverty.

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